

## ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

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**Citations Affected:** Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** Overseas voters. Provides that the general assembly may extend the right to vote to an individual who: (1) is the child of an individual who is a registered Indiana voter; and (2) currently resides outside the United States; if the individual meets all of the constitutional qualifications for a voter other than residence in an Indiana precinct. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — RICHARDSON, THOMAS)

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January 9, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs.  
January 19, 2006, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
January 24, 2006, read second time, ordered engrossed.  
January 25, 2006, engrossed.  
January 26, 2006, read third time; passed. Yeas 47, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 2, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
February 16, 2006, reported — Do Pass.

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February 17, 2006

Second Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2006)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2005 Regular General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning elections.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Fourteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
- 4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 2. (a) A citizen of the United States who is at least
- 8 eighteen (18) years of age and who has been a resident of a precinct
- 9 thirty (30) days immediately preceding an election may vote in that
- 10 precinct at the election.
- 11 (b) A citizen may not be disenfranchised under subsection (a) if the
- 12 citizen is entitled to vote in a precinct under subsection (c), **subsection**
- 13 **(d)**, or federal law.
- 14 (c) The General Assembly may provide that a citizen who ceases to

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1 be a resident of a precinct before an election may vote in a precinct  
2 where the citizen previously resided if, on the date of the election, the  
3 citizen's name appears on the registration rolls for the precinct.

4 **(d) The General Assembly may provide that a citizen who:**

5 **(1) is the child of an individual who is a registered voter of**  
6 **Indiana; and**

7 **(2) currently resides outside the United States;**  
8 **may vote in a precinct if the citizen meets all of the qualifications**  
9 **set forth in subsection (a) other than residence in a precinct in**  
10 **Indiana.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Joint Resolution 2 as introduced.)

LAWSON C, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution 2 has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

FOLEY, Chair

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1.

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